Merck Sharp and Dhome) obtained any stay from the Delhi High Court in .respect to the reduction of prices of De-xamethasone and its salts as well as proposed re--ducion in the prices of for-mulations based on these drugs j

• (b) if so, when was the stay granted and on what condition ;

(c) whether it is a fact that company gave any undertakings based on the condition of stay ;

(d) if so, what are the de-tails ofthe undertaking;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the company was given hearing in regard to the prices of these drugs before the decision of the High Court ; and

(f) if so, what were the prices arrived at for these drugs based on the hearing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PAR-LIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS INTHE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAM-GYAL) : (a) Yer, Sir. .

(b) to (d) Delhi High Court on an undertaking given by the company to maintain status quo on che price of Dexametha-sone Pure and Doxamethasone 21—Phosphate granted an interim stay *vide* order dated 2^-8-1981. The Delhi High Court granted final stay on 2511-1981 wherein it was provided that in case the petition is dismissed and the rule is discharged, the company shall within 8 weeks of the dismissal of the petition by the court deposit in the court the difference in the prices of for-mulations in respect of the items in question for being ul-timately deposited In tte Drug Prices Equalisation Account.

(e) and (f) The company was given hearing in regard to the prices of these drugs but no final decision could be taken at that time since the matter was *sub-judice.*

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Assessment of over-charged amounts by Special Team

2472. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the special team appointed by his Ministry has not yet submitted its report in respect of amount over-charged on Dexamethasone and its salts ;

(b) if so> when was the team appointed and by when it would submit its reports ;

(c) whether the team has any nominee of BICP « and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons for delay in submission ofthe report ?

i THE MINISTER OF STATE iN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIA-MENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS & PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) Yes, , Sir.

(b) to (d) The Special Team was constituted in September, 1987 to determine the amount recover-able from all the companies invol-ved in the Supreme Court. The •Special Team included originally a representative from the BICP at the level of Deputy Director (Cost). The Officer subsequently has been promoted as Joint Director (Cost) and working in the Ministry of Defence. The Special Team is ipxpected to submit its Report short-ly.